Memorandum of agreement signed with A.P. State Transmission Corporation (TRANSCO)

2294. SHRI K. M. KHAN: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Andhra Pradesh State Transmission Corporation (TRANSCO) signed a Memorandum of Agreement with Ministry of Power under Accelerated Power Development Programme (APDP);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the total quantum of funds proposed to be released to Andhra Pradesh Government under the programme;

(d) the ratio of grant and loan components of the funds proposed to be released under the programme; and

(e) the total amount earmarked to the APDP for being disbursed to the performing States and the total percentage of funds proposed to be given to Andhra Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) As per the Memorandum of Agreement, the beneficiary States are required to agree to systematically improve their financial viability by benchmarking their performance and periodically monitoring the same. The existing benchmarks shall be compared with the expected level to be achieved within the agreed time frame. These bench marks, *inter alia*, apply to SEB/Utility level as well as Circle levels covering the following parameters:

- Input energy to circle *Vs* metered energy sale to consumers (energy billed on flat rate/assessed basis is not to be included).
- Transmission & Distribution losses in Million Units (MU) (flat rate sales and unmetered sales are not to be included).
- Gap between Average Revenue Realisation and Average Cost of Supply (ARR & ACS) per unit of energy (ARR-ACS)-Average revenue realization-ARR (Ratio of gross revenue sales in crores of rupees. And Nett Energy Input in MU) for entire State, ACS (Ratio of cost of supply (including generation cost, purchase and

overhead cost) in crores of Rupees and Net energy input in MU for entire State).

- Productivity-Ratio of Metered energy sale to consumers and total Manpower strength in the circle (executives plus supervisors plus support staff).
- Billing cycle time (Period)
- Feeder outages (Numbers)
- Failure rate of Distribution Transformers (percentages)
- Consumer complaints (Numbers)
- Complaint disposal time (Period)
- High Tension/Low Tension Ratio,
- Average Load Factor on Distribution Transformers
- Average power factor.

(c) Government of India has identified three distribution circles namely Eluru, Warangal and Tirupathi under Accelerated Power Development and Reforms Programme (APDRP) for funding. During the year 2000-01 Government of India sanctioned Rs. 99.58 crores for erection of distribution transformers and installing high quality meters in the three identified circles.

During the year 2001-02, Government of India has approved Rs. 267.39 crores worth projects for upgradation of sub-transmission and distribution system in the three identified circles. An amount of Rs. 39.07 crores has been released in 2002-03.

The year-wise financial assistance given to Andhra Pradesh is given below:

	APTRANSCO			TOTAL
Year	Eluru (Rs In crores)	Tirupathi (Rs. in crores)	Warangal (Rs. In crores)	(Rs. in crores)
2000-01	36.64	33.26	29.68	99.58
2001-02			Nil	
2002-03			39.07	

(d) The ratio of grant and loan components of the funds proposed to be released under the scheme is as hereunder:

- 50% of the project cost will be given by Government of India and out of which 25% will be in the form of grant and 25% as loan.
- Remaining 50% of the cost of project is to be met by the utility from their internal resources or loans from Financial Institutions like Power Finance Corporation Ltd/Rural Electrification Corporation Ltd.

(e) For the year 2002-03, the budgetary allocation of Rs. 3500 crores is proposed for taking up additional new circles alongwith earlier 63 circles. The scheme will continue till the year 2012 with enhanced outlay from the year 2002-03 onwards. The percentage of funds proposed to be given to Andhra Pradesh can be known only after assessing the actual performance of the utilities to whom funds have been released.

Withdrawal of Andhra Pradesh share of 115 MW from Kaiga Power Station

2295. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that CEA has withdrawn entire Andhra Pradesh share of 115 MW from Kaiga Power Station and reduced ER Power by 20 MW;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether any request for restoration of the same has been received in the Ministry from the Government of Andhra Pradesh;

(d) if so, the details of the request; and

(e) the action contemplated on that request?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) to (e) Andhra Pradesh's share of 115 MW from Kaiga Atomic Power Station of Nuclear Power Corporation of India Ltd. (NPCIL) was temporarily diverted in April, 2002 on the request of NPCIL. The diversion was effected in view of the defaults in payment of energy dues by APTRAMSCO to NPCIL and also APTRANSCO not